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Monaghan opposes Upper Allen's proposed rezoning

By Deborah Recker

The Monaghan Township Board of Supervisors went on record at their February 5 meeting as formally opposing the rezoning efforts of Upper Allen Township. Upper Allen is seeking to create an industrial zone on the banks of the Yellow Breeches, seeking to permit in that zone and also a new zone, called Conservation, sewage treatment plants.

The action was prompted by the Upper Allen Commissioner's non-response to a letter forwarded to them by Monaghan Township's Secretary/Manager Gregory Spears, asking them to allow Monaghan officials to talk to them and give input as to the impact and feelings of Monaghan township on the proposed rezoning.

Having received no response, Spears followed up on the request by contacting Upper Allen's Assistant Township Manager, David Witmer. Spears stated that Witmer informed him Upper Allen had no problem with receiving comments and explained that the proposed zoning changes were for a tract of land to be zoned Conservation from the edge of Upper Allen back toward Messiah College and an area in Messiah College; and also the Grantham Woods area to be zoned Institutional. Witmer informed Spears that the Institutional zoning was to contain growth in the area.

Resident G. Thomas Miller told Spears that he had been misinformed by Witmer and that Upper Allen was taking an area that was zoned Agricultural and five-acre Residential and making it Institutional by a zoning ordinance amendment, which is the very thing residents of the area have been fighting since 1985 or 1986.

In further discussion, Supervisor Lloyd Persun stated that there were really two (2) zones in question. One zone is a narrow strip between McCormick and Arcona Roads along the Upper Allen side of the Yellow Breeches. They propose to permit a sewage treatment plant as a matter of right in that zone even though it is zoned Conservation.

He also noted that downstream from where the proposed sewage treatment would dump effluent into the Yellow Breeches, the Mechanicsburg Water Company draws water route of the Yellow Breeches to service Upper Allen and Mechanicsburg.

The second zone in question is the proposed Institutional Zone which is a much larger tract of land up stream from the first. Contrary to the Upper Allen Assistant Township Managers comments to Monaghan's Secretary/Manager Spears, Supervisor Persun stated that Institutional zoning would encourage commercial development and construction. Institutional zoning could permit shopping stores, professional offices, public buildings, restaurants, cluster developments, retirement villages and sanitary facilities, all of which are reasonably high density. Persun stated, "It does not make sense to me to permit any kind of density in a watershed area, on a stream a portion of which is recognized as one of the world's choice fly fishing areas."

The proposed rezoning would greatly impact Monaghan Township in that the Yellow Breeches Creek divides the two (2) townships in certain areas with Monaghan and Upper Allen controlling opposing banks.

Another concern residents have is for the proposed Grantham Woods development which is to be located in the Industrial zone and which is also the biggest institution of its type between here and Philadelphia. Even though it is to be located in Upper Allen, it would border on Monaghan and inevitably put rigorous demands on the township roads and possibly lead to additional sewage treatment plants.

Monaghan Township's Board of Supervisors unanimously voted to oppose the new zoning and directed Secretary/Mgr. Spears to forward another letter to the Upper Allen Commissioners requesting that they take Monaghan township's position on this matter into consideration prior to the February 15th final vote on the issue.

Faulty water heater blamed for 3:30 a.m. fire

A hot water heater in the garage at the Mike Ember residence at 290 Orebank Road is reported to be what started the garage and house on fire causing an estimated \$60,000 damage.

Fire fighters from Dillsburg, Franklinton, Wellsville, Monaghan Twp., Upper Allen and Mechanicsburg were dispatched to the early morning house fire.

\$2,000 worth of equipment stolen

Dillsburg Police are investigating the theft of construction equipment from a trailer at the Greenbriar Glen Development. According to Dillsburg Police Chief Glenn Smith, the theft occurred sometime overnight on January 24 between 1:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. Stolen was an electric air compressor on wheels with a blue tank; three sets of black and maroon air line hose; an air driven nail gun; a hammer drill; and an electric construction saw. Anyone having any information can call Dillsburg Police at 432-2237.

Dover man charged with D.U.I.

Carroll Township Police charged Mark L. Siemeon, 29, of Dover with driving under the influence of alcohol after he crashed his 1989 Bronco II at 7:30 a.m. last Thursday morning.

Police said Siemeon was southbound on Lewisberry Road near Siddonsburg Road when he lost control on a curve, skidded 154 feet, struck several trees and overturned. Siemeon, who was not wearing a seat belt was taken to Holy Spirit Hospital by Dillsburg Ambulance, where he refused treatment.

Second half express derailed

by John Middlekauff

Northern's Lady Polar Bears went hunting for a lead in Division III's second half, what they found was a devastating loss. Travelling to Big Spring Tuesday night (1/30) the Lady Bears let this one get away as they dropped a 40 to 36 decision to the Lady Bulldogs. The story in this one can be traced right to the second quarter. Leading 8 to 6 at the end of the first, Northern offense went into a "deep-freeze" as the girls could only connect on 2 of 14 shots in that quarter. While the Lady Bears could only manage 4 points, their opponents ran off 14 to take a 20 to 12 lead at half. Realistically, the Lady Bears played good defense holding Big Spring to a total of 40 points, and keeping in check the Lady Bulldogs big two of Salisbury and Gutshall. But the bottom line is the fact that Northern, like against Trinity, could not find their offensive muscle. The Lady Bears were led in scoring by Gretchen Klaus who finished with 14 and Kelly Gordon with 11, it wasn't enough.

Certainly one loss does not mean the end of the road for Northern's second half hopes, but it does mean that they will need help! While looking for someone to knock-off Big Spring, the Lady Bears will have to get back on the winning track.

On Friday afternoon (2/2), Northern got "just what the doctor ordered" a good win. The Lady Bears hosted the Panthers of East Pennsboro and shelled them 58 to 36. In this one, the Northern girls found their shooting eye. Led by Nancy Jacoby who scored 20 points, and aided greatly by Gretchen Klaus (18 points) and Becky Minnich (13 points), the Lady Bears put this one away early. Scoring 13 points in the first quarter, Northern added 17 in the second, 13 in the third, and 15 in the fourth to do in the Lady Panthers.

The last time these two teams met, I really botched up the names of some of the girls who got a chance to come off the

bench and get some playing time. Well those same girls, Rebecca, Tonya, Tracey, Jennifer and Stacey got another opportunity to get some varsity action and did well.

Northern has plenty left both in talent and number of games to get the job done! Lets hope they can pull it off!

Northern grapplers take two

by John Middlekauff

Northern's wrestling team ran its overall record to 10-4 this past week, as they picked up two big wins. In doing so, the Polar Bears also picked up their second win in Division I and now sport a 2-3 record within that division.

On Monday evening (1/29) Northern hosted the pesky Bermudian Springs Eagles and came up with a 45-25 decision. Northern got off on the right foot in this contest, as Jon Rudy picked up a pin against his Bermudian opponent at 103 lb, followed by Joel Yohn's decision at 112, Chad Rosenberger's technical fall at 119 lbs., and Jerry Sterner's pin at 125 lbs. Still Northern had to withstand an assault by the Eagle's Forsythe clan. At 140 lb. Shawn Forsythe held off a determined Matt Ayers 4-2 and Shannon Forsythe decisively decided Chris Bentley 10-2. The Bears came right back, as Dave Habowski flattened his opponent at 152 lb, and Kevin Letzler did the same at 160 lb. Jamie Lehares pin at 189 lb. put the icing on the cake for Northern.

Thursday, the Polar Bears travelled over to Carlisle for a

return to Division I competition. The Thundering Herd has not had a great reason thus far. While compiling a 4-9 overall record, the Herd had not tasted victory in Division I going into this match with Northern. Carlisle picked up 15 points in three of the last four matches to make the score close, but Northern won out 36-20. Northern's Jon Rudy got things started for the second match in a row, as he pinned his Carlisle opponent. The Bears also saw Matt Ayers get a pin at 140 lbs. and Chad Rosenberger pickup a technical fall at 119 lb. The remainder of Northern's points came from decisions registered by Mike Vaughn, Steve Miller, Chris Bentley, Dave Habowski, and Bryan Baxter, along with a draw from Jerry Sterner.

The Polar Bears rest a wee bit before engaging Central Dauphin in the last home match of the season on Thursday (2/8). Northern now finds itself lumped together with three other teams in the middle of the Division I standings, but with only two more matches with Division opponents. The Bears can still be heard from!

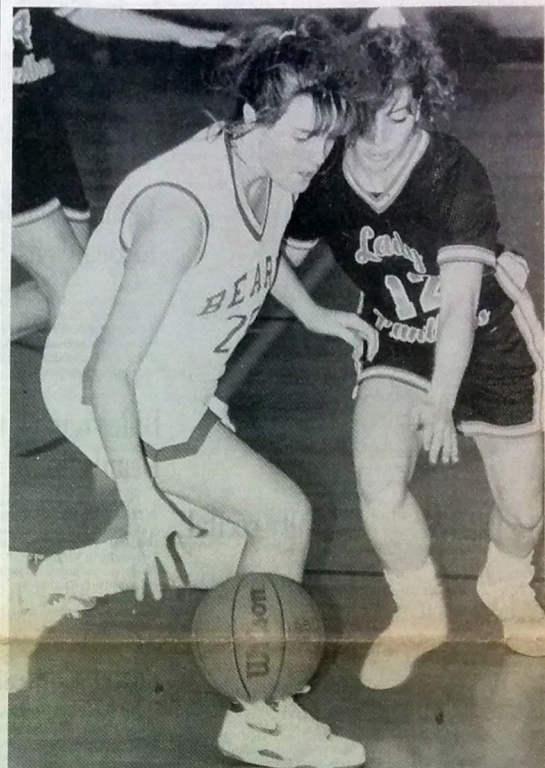


Photo by David March

Lady Bears against East Pennsboro last Friday afternoon. NHS won 58 to 36.

9th grade Bears win 4 in a row

With two big wins last week the 9th grade Lady Bears have pushed their winning streak to four games.

On Monday, January 29th, the Bears traveled to nearby Boiling Springs, and for the first time this season both the eighth and ninth grade teams roared to victories.

The ninth grade team won their game, in overtime, 27 to 25. Rachel Romberger (8), Stephanie Seltzer (8), and Nicole Brillhart (6) were the leading scorers for the Bears. Angie Russ and Julie Yinger also scored for the Bears.

B. Springs 4 0 7 9 5-25
Northern 4 9 4 3 7-27

The eighth grade Lady Bears won their game 15 to 13.

Thursday, February 1st was a tough test for the ninth grade Lady Bears at West Perry. Playing great defensive game the Bears knocked off the Mustangs 26 to 21. The Bears scoring

attack was led by Steph Seltzer (11) and Rachel Romberger (7). Nicole Brillhart, Angie Russ, Heather Mattern, Gwen Andrews, and Jenny Songster also scored for Northern.

West Perry 0 7 6 8 - 21
Northern 7 7 0 12 - 26

Witmer graduates

Janell Witmer, '86 graduate of Northern and the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. James Witmer, 129 S. Wharf Road, Mechanicsburg received her associate's degree in Business Administration from Harrisburg Area Community College.

Janell is pursuing her education at Shippensburg University.

College information night

On February 12, at 7 p.m. in the Northern Senior High School cafeteria a group of representatives from different colleges will participate in College Information Night. The objective of the program is to expose high school sophomores, juniors and their parents to a broad spectrum of college choices. Following a brief overview of the college search process, the group will break into two half-hour mini-sessions. Presenters for the mini-sessions will include a representative of Penn State/York speaking about a large university system, a representative from Millersville speaking about the state

universities, a representative from Dickinson speaking about the liberal arts colleges, and a representative from Harrisburg Area Community College speaking about community colleges. The program will conclude with an opportunity for parents and students to visit the guidance office for a review of the college guidance resources that are available there.

Births

Harrisburg Hospital
Mr. & Mrs. Alan C. Hart
(Linda A. Strobbe), Dillsburg, daughter, 1/20/90.